

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Executive Council

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Friends,

Before this week's Governor & Council meeting we met at the Twitchell House, a state-owned facility run by Riverbend Community Mental Health, which helps mental health patients get the help, care, and recovery resources they need. The house, which sits on the grounds of what was once the "NH Asylum for the Insane," is a 15-bed residential treatment program – one of three in the area that allow different levels of residential care aimed at helping patients who would otherwise be institutionalized.

Friday's Governor & Council meeting also approved a number of regional projects and several with statewide impact:

**IN CENTRAL NH:** Provide homeless support (rent & transitional assistance) via Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program; a land swap of roughly one acre among agencies in Shea State Forest in Concord; and support for local education agencies via Granite State Independent Living.

**IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH:** Provide homeless support (rent & transitional assistance) via Southwestern Community Services; a local source water protection grant in Winchester; and support for local education agencies via Monadnock Development Services.

**IN STRAFFORD CO:** Allow the University System of NH to refinance outstanding debt at better terms; authorize a grant for soil health efforts in Strafford Co; provide homeless support (rent & transitional assistance) via Community Action Program of Strafford County; renewed a contract with Strafford Learning Center in Somersworth for support of local education agencies.

**STATEWIDE:** Approved the Department of Revenue Administration to add credit card processing for state tax bills; and extended the time allowed for use of previously-awarded grants to lower energy costs and CO2 emissions, and also for a NH Retail Association energy efficiency project to support retail businesses.

**APPOINTMENTS:** See below

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 4. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at [cvanostern@nh.gov](mailto:cvanostern@nh.gov) or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,  
Colin

Executive Councilor, District 2

## [FULL 05/23 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

### *FULL INFORMATION*

#### **1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH**

[#34](#) Authorized to enter into agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated March 24, 2014, to provide Homeless Outreach Intervention Prevention services to homeless individuals and families in an amount not to exceed \$333,836. Effective July 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#47](#) Authorized, with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to exchange management responsibilities for State land parcels of approximately equal acreage located in Concord, NH, said parcels consisting of approximately 0.89 acres of Russell Shea State Forest land to be annexed to the abutting DHHS Russell Farm parcel at 84 Iron Works Road in exchange for approximately 1.03 acres of the DHHS Russell Farm parcel to be annexed to the abutting Russell Shea State Forest. No Funding.

[#73](#) Authorized a renewal option to a **sole source** contract with Granite State Independent Living, Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 5-1-13, item #82), to continue to develop and provide training and technical assistance to local education agencies in their region under the State Personnel Development Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$146,000. (2) Further Authorized to exercise a renewal option on this contract for one additional fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

#### **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION**

[#34](#) Authorized to enter into agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated March 24, 2014, to provide Homeless Outreach Intervention Prevention services to homeless individuals and families in an amount not to exceed \$333,836. Effective July 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#36](#) Authorized to enter into agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated April 21, 2014, to provide Shelter Plus Care Program services to homeless individuals and families in an amount not to exceed \$593,876. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#57](#) Authorized to award a Local Source Water Protection grant to the Town of Winchester, NH, in the amount of \$2,900 to complete a project to protect public drinking water systems. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#68](#) Authorized a renewal option to a **sole source** contract with Monadnock Development Services, Keene, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 4-3-13, item #66), to continue to develop and provide training and technical assistance to local education agencies in their region under the State Personnel Development Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$134,000. (2) Further Authorized to exercise a renewal option on this contract for one additional fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

### **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY**

[#5](#) Authorized to accept and place on file the Report and Findings of Councilor Colin Van Ostern with regard to a certain project in participation with University System of New Hampshire, Lee, NH.

[#19](#) Authorized to enter into a grant with Strafford County Conservation District, Dover, NH, in the amount of \$18,000 for the Strafford and Rockingham County Soil Health Initiative – Yoeman’s Plow, in Strafford and Rockingham Counties. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2016. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[#34](#) Authorized to enter into agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated March 24, 2014, to provide Homeless Outreach Intervention Prevention services to homeless individuals and families in an amount not to exceed \$333,836. Effective July 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#72](#) Authorized a renewal option to a **sole source** contract with Strafford Learning Center, Somersworth, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 3-20-13, item #68), to continue to develop and provide training and technical assistance to local education agencies in their region under the State Personnel Development Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$134,000. (2) Further Authorized to exercise a renewal option on this contract for one additional fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

### **4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES**

[#3](#) Authorized, for the benefit of the Department of Revenue Administration, to enter into a **sole source** amendment of the existing agreement between DoIT and First Data Government Solutions, formerly GovConnect, Cincinnati, OH, (originally approved by G&C in May of 2002), to allow credit card payments to the Meals and Rentals Tax, Business Tax, and Interest and Dividends Tax types to the NH e-File Web Application, by increasing the amount by \$74,880 from \$1,508,440 to \$1,583,320. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

[#27](#) Authorized to amend an award of grant funds to TRC Energy Services, a division of TRC Environmental Corporation, (originally approved by G&C on 12-19-12, item #39), in the amount of \$5,000,000, for the purpose of lowering energy costs and reducing CO2 emissions, by extending the completion date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015. No Additional Funding. **100% Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Funds.**

[#28](#) Authorized to amend an award of grant funds to the NH Retail Association (originally approved by G&C on 12-8-10, item #71), for the purpose of partnering with The Jordan Institute to expand its 2009 Energy Efficiency program designed for retail businesses, by extending the end date from June 30, 2014 to December 31, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100% Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Funds.**

### **5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS**

( \* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

**Agricultural Advisory Board**

John E. Moulton, Meredith, NH

**State Board of Auctioneers**

Gregory J. Peverly, Northfield, NH\*

**Business Finance Authority**

Matthew H. Benson, Concord, NH\*

**Community College System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees**

Robert A. Duhaime, Manchester, NH

Stephen Guyer, Gilford, NH

Jeremy Hitchcock, Manchester, NH

Paul J. Holloway, Rye, NH

John T. Stevens, Gilford, NH

**Enhanced 911 Commission**

Patrick Robinson, Manchester, NH

**Judicial Council**

Kimberley Casey, East Kingston, NH

**Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Transportation**

David J. (Jeff) Brillhart, Concord, NH\*

**Commission to Study Uniform Laws**

Russell F. Hilliard, Portsmouth, NH

**Board of Veterinary Medicine**

Simon George, Deerfield, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

**Appellate Board**

Susan Ender, Rye, NH

**Department of Cultural Resources Director of the Division of the Arts**

Virginia Lupi, Corning, NY

**Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services**

Thomas S. Burack, Hopkinton, NH\*

**Department of Environmental Services Director of the Water Division**

Eugene J. Forbes, Burlington, VT

**Executive Branch Ethics Committee**

Alan W. Johnson, Penacook, NH\*

**Family Mediator Certification Board**

I. Terry Sturke, Concord, NH\*

**Higher Education Commission**

Thomas C. Gilligan, New London, NH

**Housing Finance Authority**

Steven W. Ensign, New London, NH

Stephanye Schuyler, Portsmouth, NH

**Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Commission**

George M. Bald, Somersworth, NH\*

George C. Cummings, Webster, NH\*

**Board of Nursing**

Roberta A. Petrin, Rochester, NH\*

**Personnel Appeals Board**

Norman J. Patenaude (d), Portsmouth, NH

Charla B. Stevens (d), Bedford, NH

**Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee**

Sarah N. Pletcher, Hanover, NH

**Waste Management Council**

Rudy Bazelmans, Nashua, NH

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